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SHIPPING. ARRIVALS.

August 2, FREER, Dutch steamer, 462, Lund, Haiphong 31st July, General—ARRHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
August 3, NORMANTON, British ship, 1,533, J. W. Drake, Saigon 28th July, General—SHEPHERD & Co.
August 3, JAPAN, British steamer, 1865, T. S. Gardner, Calcutta 18th July, Penang 24th, and Singapore 28th, Opium and General—D. SASSON, SOHS & Co.
August 3, A.V.A. French steamer, 2,147, Guinand, Shanghai 31st July, Mails and General—MESSAGERS-MARITIMES.
August 3, CENTAUR, German bark, 483, C. O'Brien, Singapore 22nd July, Timber—WALLER & Co.
August 3, YUENKING, Chinese steamer, 781, Linow, Whampoa 3rd August, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
August 3, POONKANG, British ship, 390, Hogg, Shanghai 29th July, and Swatow 2nd Aug.—General—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
August 3, ALWING, German steamer, 400, P. Moss, Haiphong 1st August, General—L. R. MARY.
August 3, CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, American ship, 3,543, Wm. B. Cobb, San Francisco 1st July, Honolulu 10th, and Yokohama 27th, General—P. M. S. S. Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
3rd August.
Island, British ship, for Sydney.
Israhah, German ship, for Singapore.
Glenis Castle, British ship, for Shanghai.
Madras, British ship, for Nagasaki.
Angerton, British ship, for Singapore.
Actin, Danish ship, for Haiphong.

DEPARTURES.

August 3, FAUGH BLAUGH, German ship, for Wenchow.
August 3, TAMAR, British ship, for England.
August 3, INORABAN, German ship, for Singapore.
August 3, GEO. R. SKOLFIELD, Amr. ship, for San Francisco.
August 3, IOLANI, British ship, for Australia.
August 3, MADRAS, British ship, for Nagasaki.
August 3, POONKANG, British ship, for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

Per Freer, str., from Haiphong—4 Europeans, and 10 Chinese.
Per NORMANTON, str., from Saigon—14 Chinese.
Per JAPAN, str., from Calcutta—Mrs. T. S. Gardner, Master, M. Mann and Master J. Mann, 7 natives, and 42 Chinese.
Per A.V.A., str., from Saigon—Mrs. T. S. Gardner, Duncan, and C. D. Newson, and 5 Chinese.
Per POONKANG, str., from Haiphong—Messrs. Rock and Wille, and 31 Chinese.
Per CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, str., from San Francisco—Mrs. F. M. Cobb, and son, Prof. John Cobb, Messrs. F. M. Cobb, and son, Prof. John Cobb, and 154 Chinese.
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REPORTS.

The British steamer NORMANTON, from Saigon, 29th July, reports had light S.W. winds and fine weather throughout.
The German bark CENTAUR, from Singapore, 29th July, reports had fine weather and variable winds throughout.
The British steamer FREER, from Haiphong, 29th July, and Swatow 2nd August, reports had fine weather throughout, with light winds from S.W. 38 hours in Swatow.
The British steamer JAPAN, from Calcutta 18th July, Penang 24th, and Singapore 28th, reports after leaving Singapore experienced very light monsoon and fine weather throughout.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

July—
22, Kiang-pia, Chinese ship, from Ningpo.
22, Tait, British ship, for Hankow.
22, Wenchow, British ship, from Chefoo.
22, Hahow, British ship, from Swatow.
22, Kung Wo, British ship, from Hankow.
22, Shanghai, British ship, from Hankow.
22, Hirschman, Chinese ship, from Japan.
22, Priam, British ship, from Liverpool.
22, Hangchow, British ship, from Swatow.
22, Yang-ching, Chinese ship, from Swatow.
22, Tientsin, British ship, from Amoy.
22, Ichang, British ship, from Ningpo.
22, Puyew, Chinese steamer, from Foochow.
22, Changching, British ship, from Tientsin.
22, Kung Wo, British ship, from Hankow.
22, El Dorado, British ship, from Tientsin.
22, Lee-sang, British ship, from Amoy.
22, Jason, British ship, from Liverpool.
22, Kiang-pia, Chinese ship, from Ningpo.
22, Nordan, Danish ship, from Swatow.
22, Albanian, British ship, from New York.
22, Pantah, Chinese ship, from Tientsin.
22, Kiang-foo, Chinese ship, from Hankow.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB will be held TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 5th August, at 2 P.M., in the GYMNASIUM, to consider certain proposed alterations in and additions to the Rules of the Club. A copy of the Rules with the Proposed Alterations and Additions will be found posted on the Notice Board in the Club.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE DIVIDEND OF 6 PER CENT. OR \$600 PER SHARE, declared at the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders held this day, will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after SATURDAY, the 31st instant.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at FOUR O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE UNDERSEA CABLES.

THE UNDERSEA CABLES have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. T. SASSON, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID COBBAR & SONS, Aberdeen.

BANKS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$3,000,000.
RESERVE FOR EQUIVATION OF 500,000.
RESERVE FOR PROVISIONS 7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—M. GILBERT, Esq.
J. D. McIVER, Esq.
J. D. McIVER, Esq.
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ACTING CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, JOHN WALTER, Esq.
Shanghai—EVERY CANNON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON & COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Deposits are received on weekdays, from 10 to 12, Saturdays, 10 to 11.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$400,000.
REGISTERED OFFICE, 49, THE LANCED STREET, LONDON.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

THE BANK receives money on Deposit, and issues Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and conducts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

APPROVED CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE BALANCE of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.
AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

K O P S H O T E L.

Leading at SHUN KUN SHAN JETTY, Best Accommodation for Travellers and Visitors.
FIRST RATE TABLE.
BILLIARDS and BOWLING ALLEYS.

SHING L O O N G.

TRADE A BOAT MARK.
PRESERVED GINGER CHOW CHOW PEANUTS and QUALITY.
The very finest Sugar is employed in the Manufacture of our Preserves and we guarantee Best Quality.

CITY OF MANILA CIGAR STORE.

This Establishment is in constant receipt of the BEST MANILA CIGARS of all Brands and MARKS, and GUARANTEES the Goodness of the Staff and the Purity of the Manufacture. Cigs at Very Moderate Prices, and in case the Cigs are not found satisfactory they can be RETURNED within 24 days.

STUDIO, ICE HOUSE LANE.

HONGKONG, and more COMPLETE COLLECTION OF VIEWS, than any other in the Empire. The Cigs are only to be purchased at this Studio or Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S Store.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, none of the Company's Foremen should be left, orders for repairs if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Street, will receive prompt attention.

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AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the 10th August, 1886, at 4 P.M., To be Sold by Public Auction, on the Premises, in ONE LOT.

ALL that Valuable Piece or Parcel of GROUND registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 748, containing 700 square feet, situate on the North Side thereof 50 feet, on the South Side thereof 50 feet, on the East Side thereof 50 feet, and on the West Side thereof 50 feet, being the said adjacent lands, more or less, and containing an Area of 4,000 square feet and held for the unexpired term of 999 years at a yearly Ground Rent of \$100.

THE VALUABLE ESTATE AND BUILDINGS.

On the above Place of Ground is erected the VALUABLE ESTATE AND BUILDINGS, known as the "SHARP" and "STOKES".

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions from the Mortgagee to Sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 19th August, at NOON, at the NOVELTY IRON WORKS, Praya East, Hongkong, unless previously disposed of by private sale.

THE VALUABLE PLANT, TOOLS, and MACHINERY.

comprised in a Bill of Sale dated the 6th February, 1886, and made between JOHN WALTER, JAMES W. WILSON, and JOHN W. WILSON, of the one part and VICTOR ROQUE, of the other part.

WILLIAM DOLAN, DECEASED.

PURSUANT to an Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, bearing date the 18th day of February, 1886, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Persons having CLAIMS against the Estate of the above named WILLIAM DOLAN, late of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, who died on the 10th day of December, 1885, and to whose Personal Estate and Effects Public was granted, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Probate Jurisdiction, are hereby required to send in writing particulars of their Claims to the Underigned, on or before the 28th day of August, 1886, after which time the Underigned will proceed to distribute the Assets of the deceased among the Persons entitled thereto having regard only to the Claims which they shall have been notified of.

WILLIAM HENRY RAY.

Executor of the Estate of the late WILLIAM DOLAN, Deceased.

CUSTOMERS are requested to make their CHEQUES and ORDERS PAYABLE to the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION MUNICIPAL DE LA CONCESSION FRANCAISE DE SHANGHAI.

COMPETITION FOR PLANS OF A NEW TOWN HALL.

THE COUNCIL call for a competition for plans for a New Town Hall under the following conditions:

1.—The plans, sections and elevations must be submitted by a design which must be repeated with the author's name and address.

2.—The plans, &c., are to be submitted to a commission selected by the Council who will select the best three sets of plans to be the property of the Council who may put them into execution wholly or in part, or with any changes they may see fit to make.

3.—The successful candidates will receive remuneration as follows:—For the Best Set, \$500; For the Second Best Set, \$300; For the Third Best Set, \$200.

4.—The other plans, if any, will be returned to the designers.

5.—The competition will be closed on the 1st December, 1886.

6.—For Further Particulars, apply to the French Consulate, Hongkong.

IRON-FRAMED PIANOS.

By M. F. RACHAUS & CO., HAMBURG.

THE PLANOFORTE and MUSIC WAREHOUSE.

14th May, 1886.

KATING'S INSECT POWDER.

Bugs, Fleas, Moths, Beetles, and other Insects, are Destroyed by KATING'S INSECT POWDER, which is quite harmless to Domestic Animals. In exterminating Beetles the powder is especially useful, as they are not so much troubled by these pests. It is perfectly clean in application. Ask for, and take no other than "KATING'S POWDER," as imitations are numerous, and fail in giving satisfaction. Sold by all Chemists in Britain. 1922.

INTIMATIONS.

THE STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED WITH LIMITED LIABILITY UNDER THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1860.)

CAPITAL, \$2,000,000 IN 20,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH; PAYABLE \$5 PER SHARE ON APPLICATION, AND \$5 PER SHARE ON ALLOTMENT.

Further Calls not to exceed \$20 per Share at any one time, nor to be made at intervals of less than three months.

(NOTE.—It is not intended to call more than \$20 per Share.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MARSEILLES, GENOA, LEGHORN, NAPLES, PORT SAID, ADEEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "MANILLA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of OPIUM, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs. MAY & CO., Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so. No claims will be admitted for the Goods having left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Underigned before NOON, on the 4th August, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 4th August, will be subject to rent.

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 28th July, 1886. [1167]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "METAPEDIA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Japan, unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO-DAY, the 28th instant.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 7th August, or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 28th July, 1886. [1167]

MONEY TO BE LENT ON MORTGAGE.

Sum varying from \$1,000 to \$30,000 to be advanced on security of Land Property in this Colony at Current Rates of Interest.

Apply to W. X. Office of this Paper. Hongkong, 23rd July, 1886. [114]

WANTED AN ASSISTANT.

thoroughly acquainted with MARINE UNDERWRITING, to Insurance Company in Singapore.

Apply to Mr. J. B. Collyer Quay, Singapore. No. 1, Collyer Quay, Singapore. [1448]

THE ADVERTISER, just out from Home.

where he has for a number of years been connected with the SHIPPING BUSINESS, is desirous of obtaining an Appointment as Chief, Second, or Third Officer of a Trust-Exceptional experience. Out port preferred.

Address, G. F. H. Office of this Paper. [1494]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "MENECLAUS," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of this Underigned, in both cases it will be at their risk from Craft or Godown on and after the 31st inst.

Goods undelivered after the 31st August, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 28th July, 1886. [1168]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

FLORIO AND RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES.

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THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

ESTABLISHED 1825.

THE 30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY was held at ELMHURST on FRIDAY, the 11th of May, 1886, and the following Resolutions for the Year ended 15th November, 1885, were reported:—

2303 PROPOSALS were accepted, £1,260,137.
Claims Paid during the Year, £545,197.
ANNUAL REVENUE amounted to, £897,870.
ACCUMULATED FUND, £5,629,923.
AN INCREASE during the year of £126,446.
INCREASE OF ASSETS during the year, £521,074.
2316 POLICIES assuring £4,600,000.
After setting aside a Guarantee Fund of £2,000,000 from the Profits of the previous five years, a Bonus was declared:—
To Policies on the Colonial Scheme at the rate of 25s. per Cent. per Annum above the rate declared at last year's meeting.
To Policies on the Colonial Scheme at the rate of 20s. per Cent. per Annum for Policies of 10 years standing becoming claims between 15th November, 1885, and 15th November, 1890.
PROPOSAL FORMS and all information, on application to any of the Company's Agents, THE BORNIO COMPANY, LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 6th July, 1886. [108-1]

NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEEN, SURZ, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

THE MEETING OF CREDITORS in the above matter advertised to be held on August 2nd, 1886, has been ADJOURNED to SATURDAY, August 14th, at 11 A.M.

ALFRED G. WISE, Acting Registrar. Registry Supreme Court, Hongkong, 4th August, 1886. [1517]

AUCTION SALE OF GUN CARRIAGES.

THE Underigned will Sell by Auction, unless previously disposed of, privately before that date, on SATURDAY, the 14th August, 1886, at Noon, at Messrs. SHARP & CO.'s Godown, Downing Street, SIX 12-POUNDER ARMSTRONG FIELD GUN CARRIAGES with LIMBERS, SIXTEEN 6-POUNDER FIELD-GUN CARRIAGES with LIMBERS, FOUR 3-POUNDER GUN CARRIAGES, The whole of these Carriages are in good serviceable frames with strong English-made Wheels and Axles.

TWO CAST-IRON WHEEL-TIRING PLATES, ANVILS, BENCHES, VICES, LATHE, PORTLAND CEMENTED MANGER and HAY RACK, CHAFF CUTTER, CARRIAGE, GARDEN WATERING PUMP, CAST-IRON COOKING RANGE, SCALES, &c.

E. JONES HUGHES, Hongkong, 4th August, 1886. [1520]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

M. J. J. ARMSTRONG has received instructions from the OFFICIAL ASSESSOR in Bankruptcy to Offer for Sale, on THURSDAY, the 19th August, 1886, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M., on the Premises, in ONE LOT or otherwise as shall be declared at the time of Sale.

THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE ESTATE, SITUATE at Bowington and until recently occupied by Messrs. JAMESON & COCKRE.

1.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND abutting on the North on the Praya and measuring 109 feet and 11 inches, on the South on Island Lot No. 744 (next hereinafter described) and measuring 101 feet and 2 inches, on the East on a Public Road immediately adjoining the Bowington Canal and measuring 141 feet and 7 inches, and on the West on a Public Road and measuring 115 feet and 10 inches.

The above Piece of Ground contains 13,021 square feet, is registered in the Land Office as Island Lot No. 270, and held for the residue of a term of 999 years at an Annual Crown Rent of \$220.00.

2.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND abutting on the North on the last mentioned Lot and measuring 101 feet 2 inches, on the South on the Wanchai Road and measuring 101 feet, on the East on a Public Road and measuring 129 feet, and on the West on a Public Road and measuring 112 feet and 6 inches.

The above Piece of Ground contains 12,975 square feet, is registered in the Land Office as Island Lot No. 744, and held for the residue of a term of 999 years at an Annual Crown Rent of \$160.

On the above Pieces of Ground are erected the substantial Buildings, Workshops, and Premises until recently occupied by Messrs. JAMESON & COCKRE.

For Further Particulars and Plans, apply to SHARP, JOHNSON, & STOKES, Solicitors for the Vendor, Supreme Court House, or to J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1886. [1516]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (VIA SWATOW). The Company's Steamship

"KASHGAR," will leave for the above place TO-MORROW, the 5th August, at 2.30 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

E. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1886. [1513]

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "GLENFERIE," Captain Norman, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 7th instant, at THREE P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 4th August, 1886. [1518]

THE CHINESE MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY. The Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE," Captain McCaslin, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 7th instant, at FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSON, SOHS & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, 4th August, 1886. [1514]

EXTRACT.

THE ETHICS OF NOISE.

Refinement and noise do not often go hand in hand, although, of course, the conclusion is not to be deduced that making a noise implies want of refinement. We know that "quick to quick becoms a hall," and it may be little difficult for a visitor to the Paris Bourse, or to the London Stock Exchange, or to a football field during the last five minutes of an exciting game, to realize that the foaming, raging, shouting, scolding, and shouting individuals before him can at any time be sober, demure, and quiet-living. But such exceptions only serve to test the general rule that, whether we regard nations, individuals, the present time or the past, noise and barbarism are co-existent. When the Spanish and Italian Ambassadors came from their own dignified and highly refined courts to that of England in the sixteenth century, they invariably remarked upon the noisy proclivities of our forefathers. Elizabethan England, it was said, was a noisy place, and of great noise that filled the air, as the firing of cannon, drums, and the ringing of bells. Elizabeth herself was fond of noise, and never dined without the accompaniment of a loud band of music—a taste she doubtless shared with most of her great subjects, for we find the Minstrel-Galley to be an inevitable appendage to their banqueting hall.

By degrees, however, we sobered down until it may be said that we are the most silent and quiet living of European people, a distinction which we may attribute to refinement, but which foreigners put down to our insular haughtiness and reserve. That barbaric existence was intolerable, whether in peace or in war, without noise, which has been proved by endless examples. The after-life mythology of all rude nations—from the Valhalla of the Scandinavians to the Happy Hunting Ground of the North American Indians, is associated with noise, and this contrasts significantly with the notion of eternal rest which marks our own conception and that of refined Pagans. Even in war we find noise playing two very different parts, according to the civilization or the barbarism of the combatants. The Roman shout and the British cheer are mere expressions of enthusiasm and exultation, but the slogan of the old Highlanders, the war whoop of the Irish Kernes, the yell of the Britons and Gauls, which we are accustomed to the horses of Caesar, were regarded as essential parts of the offensive armory of the warriors. To this day Chinese generals look upon the introductory howl of his advancing column as being equal to a volley, and those who took part in the campaign of 1850 never forget the melodramatic character of the Chinese line of battle, its heavy and noisy shields, and the "braves" who led the way howling and beating tom-toms, in the firm belief that the foreign devils would be frightened and driven to their boats.

If we examine the ceremonial usages of nations we shall find the same difference in the various associations of noise. The shrieking, the yelling, the dancing, the gasping with knives, which are accessories of the religious ceremonies of Dahomey and of Juggernaut, are exactly what took place before the figures of Dagon and Ammon in the days of Israel. Noise, with all barbarians, would seem to be symbolic of the dignity of religion and sovereignty. But when we travel northwards and eastward we find silence and dignity associated naturally with each other. The Mohammedan is silent in silence, and the continual preservation of a speechless, motionless, demure, even in everyday life, gains for the bearded Oriental far more admiration and respect than his real character is entitled to. Conversation to him is distasteful, exertion contemptible, and the remark of the Frenchman, when he was first introduced to European society, that the talk which he was doing was only done by paid hirelings. The irresistible animal activity of the Englishman is still a puzzle to dusky natives, who are unable to associate the running about after a bit of leather under a walking stick with the dignity of a great commercial empire, founding nation, and who cannot comprehend how people who spread railways and telegraphs wherever they go, and seem to be possessed of all the secrets of nature, can derive pleasure in exerting themselves over a puny almost to exhaustion.

Noise to the Chinaman is detestable, except as an ally in the battle of a Chinese frigate and galleon fighting over a sixth part of the world, or in a transaction, but away from the straits of dollar-making his delight is to realize as nearly as possible the meditative serenity and impassiveness expressed in the features of his gods and philosophers. The Japanese, called the French of the East, from the many points of resemblance between them, invariably associate silence and dignity in all matters of State or religion. The old Mikado was never supposed to be seen, and only spoke to his intimates; and the status of Buddha, so familiar to us sufficiently express the native notion concerning religious dignity. A Chinaman or a Japanese receives no honor or punishment with the same frigid calmness, as that of a European "boy" produces no visible alteration in the expression of his countenance. The Japanese gentleman condemned to what we call "happy despatch," merely bows his head without uttering a word.

Among Europeans the French is the most noise-loving nation. Two Frenchmen over their drink will make more noise than a dragoon of British cavalry. Even the Londoner, who is so lauded to be a quiet, rosy, and a quiet metropolitan, who does not hear it, is almost bewildered by the deafening clatter and jingle of the Parisian streets, and Paris is now a quiet capital compared with what it was under the Empire, when it was found impossible for a corporal's guard to move from a post to another without the accompaniment of a rattling drum. But assuredly in the case of the Parisians the continual presence of noise does not imply the absence of refinement; it is simply a peculiar national method of giving vent to certain characteristics, just as our insouciant peculiarity is to appear unmoved and emotionless under all circumstances. Noise, indeed, is part and parcel of the Frenchman's existence. We vary much doubt if it has ever entered the heads of the householders who dwell about the Place de l'Europe, just where the traffic of the Western Railway is thickest, to enter a vigorous protest against the incessant whirling whistles or the roar of the steam locomotives, similar to the quietude of the Londoner, urged by the inhabitants of the Addison-road neighbourhood. There is not the smallest resemblance between the Frenchman's notion of recreation after work and our own. If he is wearied with the noise and bustle of Paris, he only exchanges it for the noise and bustle of another Paris by the sea. To bury himself in a quiet country neighborhood, to explore a distant, silent world of nature, is generally distasteful to him, and contrary to his dearest notions of recreation and recuperation. The English definition of recreation is compared in the word quietness. A man improves as a gentleman who is as quiet in his manner and his talk as in his dress, and we enter at poor "Ary who, who, walking with a friend, finds it necessary to talk to him as loudly as if he were at the other end of the street. Indeed, in our admiration of quietness as a personal characteristic, we often jump to the ridiculous, and invest an impressive-looking, speechless

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